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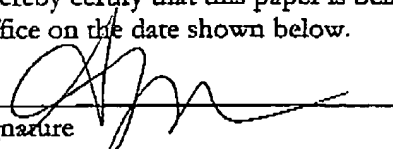
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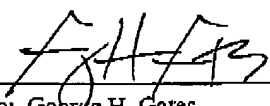
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- ☒ Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.
- ☒ Verified Statement by Mark Foster in Support of The Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment including Copy of Receipt (PTOL-95 Issue Fee Transmittal Form) Stamped by OIPE of the PTO dated October 14, 2004.

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Dear Sir:

Applicant's attorney submits this Petition in response to a "Notice of Abandonment" dated January 3, 2005 (attached hereto), which indicated that the application was abandoned due to Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, which were due November 17, 2004.

This Notice is erroneous. The issue fee was paid on October 14, 2004 (no publication fee was due). Thus, Applicant's attorney hereby petitions for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of this application, and respectfully requests issuance of the patent.

This Petition is accompanied by a Verified Statement by Mark Foster attesting to the fact that the issue fee was paid on October 14, 2004.

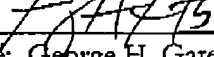
No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, should the Office determine that a fee is required, the Office is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 09-0460 of IBM Corporation, the assignee of the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: [Signature]Name: George H. GatesVERIFIED STATEMENT BY MARK FOSTER IN SUPPORT OF
THE PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

I, Mark Foster, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am employed by IBM Corporation, the assignee in the above-identified patent application.
2. The issue fee was paid on October 14, 2004. I personally hand-carried the PTOL-85 Issue Fee Transmittal form to the Customer Service Window of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on that date. The issue was paid using Deposit Account 09-0460. Enclosed herewith is a receipt comprising the PTOL-85 Issue Fee Transmittal form, wherein the receipt includes a stamp by the OIPE of the PTO dated October 14, 2004.
3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own personal knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 1-31-05By: [Signature]Name: Mark Foster

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